



MCNEIL RIVER STATE GAME SANCTUARY SCIENTIFIC, EDUCATIONAL, AND MEDIA SPECIAL ACCESS PERMITS

APPLICATION FORM

Special Access Permit applications for Scientific, Educational and Media Permits may be submitted starting September 1 and must be received by 5:00 pm on December 1 for permits for the following summer (late applications will not be accepted). All proposals will be reviewed by the McNeil River Permit Review Panel and their recommendations will be forwarded to the Commissioner of the Department of Fish and Game for final selections (5 AAC 92.065).

Applications must be submitted to: Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Attn: McNeil River Permit Review Panel and may be sent by mail to: 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, AK 99518-1599, USA; by fax to (907) 267-2433; or by email to mneilinfo@fishgame.state.ak.us.

NAME OF COMPANY, CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION, AGENCY, etc:

Mailing address: _____

Telephone number: _____ Fax number: _____

Email address: _____

LIST NAMES OF EACH APPLICANT BELOW

A non-refundable fee of \$50.00 per person (up to 3 people) must accompany this application.

NAME OF 1 st APPLICANT	TITLE	STATE/COUNTRY*
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NAME OF 2 nd APPLICANT	TITLE	STATE/COUNTRY*
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NAME OF 3 rd APPLICANT	TITLE	STATE/COUNTRY*
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* State and country of legal residence

TIME BLOCKS & DATES

(List in order of preference from 1st up to 5th)

(Only one time block will be awarded per proposal.)

_____ C	June 15 – June 18
_____ E	June 23 – June 26
_____ M	July 13 – July 16
_____ J	July 25 – July 28
_____ P	August 6 – August 9

If selected to receive a Special Access Permit, there is a permit use fee of \$150.00 for each Alaskan Resident on the permit and a use fee of \$350.00 for each Non-Alaskan Resident on the permit.

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED WITHOUT THE \$50 APPLICATION FEE (PER PERSON) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Special Access Permit
(Scientific, Educational, Media)

You have two options for paying your application fee:

1. Return this form with a check or money order made out to "State of Alaska", in U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank (we cannot accept cash). Any check or money order received that is not in U.S. funds **or** is not drawn on a U.S. bank will be returned and you will not be considered for a Special Access Permit.
2. Return this form with the appropriate credit card information requested below.

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Payment Option:

- ☐ Check or money order (U.S. funds drawn on a U.S. bank)
- ☐ Credit card (provide information below)

Circle One	Credit Card Number	Exp. Month/Year
Visa / MasterCard <div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>	<div style="border-bottom: 1px solid black; height: 1.2em; width: 100%;"></div>
Name of Cardholder:	Signature of Cardholder:	
Amount Charged: \$ _____ (\$50/person, 3 people maximum)		

Mail this completed form and your check/money order (if using this payment option) along with your completed application.

If you have any questions, please contact the McNeil River Sanctuary support staff at (907) 267-2182 or by email at mcneilinfo@fishgame.state.ak.us



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Instructions: Please read the Special Access Permits Selection Criteria and Application Procedures before applying. Use this form to apply for a *Scientific, Educational or Media* Access Permit for the McNeil River State Game Sanctuary. Continue your answers on additional pages if necessary. The answers you provide should address the specific need for each person named on your application.

** Note that letters of endorsement from recognized institutions and authorities will strengthen your application.*

Ability to meet general selection criteria (ALL APPLICANTS MUST RESPOND)

1. What are the specific objectives for your visit to the McNeil River Sanctuary?

2. Describe the benefits and/or outcomes your work at the McNeil River Sanctuary will provide to bear conservation, bear management and/or management of the McNeil River Sanctuary?

3. Why do you need to go to the McNeil River Sanctuary to accomplish your objectives?

Ability to meet scientific criteria (RESPOND IF APPROPRIATE TO YOUR PROJECT)

1. **Scientific Access Permit:** Describe how your work will contribute to scientific knowledge or conservation of bears.

2. **Scientific Access Permit:** Describe how your project will benefit the ecological or behavioral processes at McNeil River Sanctuary (e.g., will it enhance visitor satisfaction? Will it help preserve the characteristics that make the sanctuary valuable to people, bears, or other wildlife?).

Ability to meet educational criteria (RESPOND IF APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR PROJECT)

1. **Educators:** Describe how your visit to the McNeil River Sanctuary will further the objectives for which the sanctuary was established (see the “Sanctuary Purpose” on the “Special Access Permits Selection Criteria” page).

2. **Managers of a proposed or existing bear-viewing site:** Describe your experience and your duties. Describe how first-hand experience at the McNeil River Sanctuary will benefit your management capabilities.

Ability to meet media criteria (RESPOND IF APPROPRIATE FOR YOUR PROJECT)

1. **Media:** Describe and document your work as a public communicator or media expert in the field of natural history. Describe how you have achieved scientific accuracy in your projects. (Portfolio of samples of previous work demonstrating competence will strengthen your application).

2. **Media:** Describe the communications or media outlets for your McNeil River project. Attach letters of support from editors, producers and directors as appropriate for your project.